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MR. HALEY FISKE, PRESIDENT.

The attached memorandum from Dr. Dublin was prepared by him at my request. We have had this matter under consideration for some time. At first we had the hope that we might obtain the desired information through Superintendents, but we soon realized that this was not feasible. The Questionnaire (herewith attached) is lengthy and should be accurately filled out if the data is to be of value.

Work of this kind should really be done by the United States Public Health Service. They have never attempted however, and there is no likelihood, so far as I know, of their undertaking it in the near future. The suggestion of Professor Winslow that a special Committee of The American Public Health Association should be appointed to collect the information is a very good one. Such a Committee would volunteer its services and the fund asked for would be used to pay compilers of data in the respective communities.

The information when finally collected and tabulated would be of value to the Company, both from an Agency and from a health conservation standpoint. I approve of the recommendation that the Company make an appropriation to finance the work. If you agree you will probably wish to refer the matter to the Meeting of the Welfare Committee on May 25th.

Third Vice-President.

Welfare Division, May 20th, 1920.